

## House Resolution No. 4417

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those individuals and families that maintain close ties to the Show-Me State with its many cultural, geographic, and historical attractions; and

**Whereas**, the descendants of Ben and Emma Tate-Bush trace their roots to the town of Starkville in Oktibbeha County in the state of Mississippi, and every other year they gather together for a family reunion in which to renew old acquaintances, meet new members of the family, and share the events of the distant and recent past; and

**Whereas**, the marital union of Ben and Emma Tate-Bush was blessed with seven sons and four daughters, Lula, Lester, Willie, Ben, Henry, Louise, Nellie, Harvey, Walter, Emma, and James, whose descendants have multiplied, persevered, and prospered in such far-flung locales as Washington, D.C., Maryland, Missouri, California, Arizona, Illinois, Georgia, Arkansas, and Minnesota; and

**Whereas**, from August 17 to August 19, 2007, the extended family of Ben and Emma Tate-Bush will meet to Saint Louis, Missouri, to participate in the long-standing family tradition of meeting for a reunion; and

**Whereas**, Bush Family Reunions were started in the early 1930s when picnics were held every Fourth of July at Chain of Rocks; and

**Whereas**, down through the years the Bush Family Reunions have grown into large events that take three days to complete; and

**Whereas**, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives should pause in its diverse daily activities in order to acknowledge such milestone events as the Bush Family Reunion when they take place in the state of Missouri:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the history, goals, and accomplishments associated with the biennial Bush Family Reunion and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as they meet from August 17 through August 19, 2007, in Saint Louis; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the Bush Family Reunion in Saint Louis, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative John L. Bowman, Sr.  
District No. 70

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4417, adopted August 9, 2007.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker